



Dr. J. LeRoy Kimball, president of Nauvoo Restoration, Inc., center, greets actor Garold Westbrook, playing the Prophet Joseph. Tourists looking on are part of more than 40,000 visitors to this year's pageant.

Photos by John Mathews

# Pageant reaches beyond footlights

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**T**his year's "City of Joseph" pageant touched more than 40,000 people who attended performances, but through the media reached out beyond the footlights to another 10 million.

"Our goal was to lengthen our stride in reading the gospel through the unique qualities of this production," reported R. Oscarson, author and producer of the Aug. 12-16 Church-sponsored pageant.

F. Gerald Bench directed the pageant, which portrays the story of the Church and its beginnings in Nauvoo. He was assisted by composer Maughan McMurdie.

The pageant's national press director John P. Mathews arranged television appearances for cast members on major CBS, NBC and ABC affiliates and on independent stations in several cities.

Nine cable television stations in Illinois, Missouri and Iowa carried a special 30-minute program called "Insight on Nauvoo," which was written, produced and directed by Mathews, under the direction of the St. Louis Missouri Stake.

Newspapers, radio stations and magazines carried reports and local interest stories about the pageant. Additionally, stories about the cast were sent to more than 50 newspapers — with full page stories in many cases.

Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson wrote to the cast, declaring: "The people of Illinois are proud to claim one of the top outdoor musicals in the country as their own."

The community supported the show in a variety of ways, turning out for a parade of costumed cast members marching down the main street of restored Nauvoo. Following the parade, the public posed for photos with cast members and participated in games such as stick pulling and rail fence splitting.

Before each show, local authorities were honored for their support of the pageant, as mayors were introduced on stage. Visitors came from as far away as China, New York, New Mexico, Florida and Hawaii.

Local missionary couples, dressed in authentic 1840 costumes, circulated through the crowd.



A cast member and a tourist take part in the Joseph Smith International Stick Pulling Contest.

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# For Crown righteousness, crown jewels

Riddle, BYU philosophy, addressing a July 8 address.

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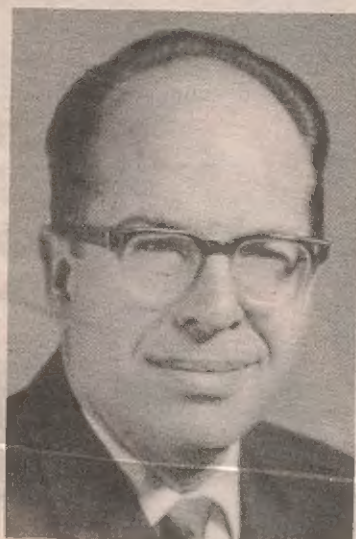
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stored gospel is that they are not a limited resource. One does not need to deprive someone else to gain them. In fact, as they are shared, all grow richer.

The fullness of the gifts of the spirit, including all of the mysteries of godliness are ours if only we will relinquish selfishness and begin to live by every word that proceeds forth out of the mouth of God.

We may go to the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, praying mightily, fasting, studying the scriptures, searching the words of the dead prophets but especially the words of the living prophets, pondering, piecing, hypothesizing, experimenting, feeling, thinking, trying with all the power we have to search out the ways of God. I bear you my testimony that this is a very rewarding process.

The true jewels are of immense benefit to us. Even as light shines on earthly jewels and reflects visible light of pleasing color and brilliance, even so do the true concepts and precepts enable us to reflect the light of Christ into noble thoughts, clear ideas and goodly deed.

an missions, and was president of the Relief Society in the European Mission.

She was teacher in many Church auxiliaries, and served on the board of Primary Children's Medical Center. She did volunteer work, reading to the blind at a local center.

She served in the PTA, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, and Republican Women.

Funeral and burial was Aug. 15 in Salt Lake City.

**The Presidents of the Church**, edited by Leonard J. Arrington, Deseret Book Co., 40 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130, \$15.95.

This collection of biographical essays on the 13 presidents of the Church is a new volume, although it was inspired by a work of the same title written in 1941 by Preston Nibley. The book was updated several times before and after Nibley's death in 1963.

Arrington, director of the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Church History at BYU, writes in the preface that a new volume is needed because of the acceleration in research of recent years.

The chapters on Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and Harold B. Lee are written by Arrington himself; 10 other historians, including James B. Allen, Dean C. Jessee, Edward L. Kimball and Joseph Fielding McConkie, wrote the other chapters.

The writers offer faith-promoting stories and interesting details of each prophet's personality. The reader learns, for example, that John Taylor refused to let his son read *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne because it was a novel. But after staying up all night reading the novel, Elder Taylor admitted, "That's a good book, son. You may read it." RSL

**Murph**, by Dale Murphy with co-authors Brad Rock and Lee Warnick, Bookcraft Inc., 1848 West 2300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119, 168 pages, \$10.95.

There's no need to introduce Dale Murphy. As one of the



most popular baseball players (if not the most popular) in the game today and a favorite among even the most cynical of the nation's sportswriters, Murphy has been the focus of innumerable newspaper and magazine articles. The stories are invariably positive, revealing a man who could only wear a white hat.

But that's the media's perception. What's the real Murphy like? With *Deseret News* sportswriters Brad Rock and Lee Warnick, Murphy tells his story in his own words. He gives his impressions of rising to the height of sports success, making a million dollars a year, and

winning two Most Valuable Player awards. It's his story from his early playing days at Hayhurst Elementary School in Portland, Ore., to his current life as a star, father of four, and early-morning seminary teacher. KS

**Living by the Power of Faith**, by Gene R. Cook, Deseret Book Co., 40 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130, 110 pages, \$8.95.

Through his life, Elder Gene R. Cook of the First Quorum of the Seventy has often depended on faith. He shares many of his experiences in *Living by the Power of Faith*, along with supplying a detailed how-to guide on increasing one's own faith.

At the end of each chapter, Elder Cook supplies several questions for the reader to ponder. Teaching the reader what faith is, how to obtain it, and how to exercise it is the purpose of the book, writes Elder Cook in the first chapter. He promises that if a person reads, ponders and prays about the book's contents, he or she will "learn to live by the power of faith." KS

**101 Talks for Children**, by Marianne J. Shampton, Bookcraft Inc., 1848 W. 2300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119, 96 pages, \$5.95.

Beginning with instructions on how to prepare children's talks, *101 Talks for Children* supplies capsulized messages using stories from the scriptures, gospel teachings, first principles, home and family, special occasions and special people, and personal qualities.

The talks are short and easy

## Here's answer to week's question

(From page 2)

The London Temple. Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve placed the cornerstone May 11, 1957, nearly two years after President David O. McKay broke ground. With modern construction methods, the cornerstone is not required for structural support and may be ceremoniously placed at any convenient time.

Source: 1985 Deseret News Church Almanac, Salt Lake City: Deseret News, 1984, pp. 271, 292.

to understand for even children. Author Marianne Shampton has included scriptures to help children understand their importance in the gospel in one's life. KS

**Be Master of Your Self**, by Robert L. Backman, Book Co., 40 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130, 110 pages, \$9.95.

In *Be Master of Your Self*, Elder Robert L. Backman

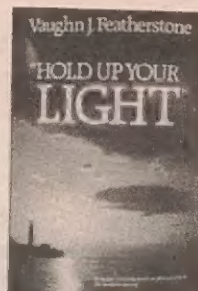


of the First Quorum of the Seventy gives readers an array of lifting that to form a powerful book of mastery. The book comes with a collection of 48 short sermons delivered by Elder Backman on the syndicated radio program *You and Your World*.

His theme is outlined in the first chapter, "Pushing the limits." He emphasizes that the son must push to his limit by working when he doesn't like working, believing everyone else is faltering, hanging on when "hanging seems too much." KS

**Hold Up Your Light**, by Vaughn J. Featherstone, Bookcraft Inc., 1848 W. 2300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119, 96 pages, \$10.95.

As Church Young Men



lead them. For that reason, he explains in the book's preface, he has written *Hold Up Your Light* as a guide to Church youths and leaders.

As Moroni called for people to stand up for their rights and religion, Elder Featherstone exhorts youth to rally in the battle against the world. In the book, he urges youth to become a standard by serving with compassion, seeking excellence, and becoming a friend to those around them.

The book also instructs youths and leaders on purifying their lives and preparing for the future. The values discussed in the book, as Elder Featherstone concluded in the final chapter, "can be a guide, a rod of iron, to hold on to as one walks through life in these challenging times." KS